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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

A copy of the Japanese Office Action mailed March 24, 2009, citing these documents, is also enclosed herewith. Document 1 and Document 2 cited in the Japanese Office Action on Patentability were made of record in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 27, 2006.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits following the **Request for Continued Examination (RCE)** in the above-identified patent application.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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